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## EDITORIAL.

A complete index for the current volume will be mailed with the March number for 1906, together with an "Errata". It has not been possible to prepare the copy for the Index to accompany the present number.

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As a slight departure from census taking, the editor suggests that a "Winter List" of the birds be kept for the months of December, January, and February, up to February 20, and such lists, accompanied with a statement of the numbers of individuals of each species seen, be sent to the editor immediately after the 20th, so that they may appear in the March number. Such lists should prove interesting and valuable for comparison of localities, particularly if the average depth of snow, and the percentage of time during which the ground is covered accompanies the list.

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We are pleased to be able to announce that Mr. Frank M. Chapman's book upon the Warblers is progressing satisfactorily, and that ere long we shall be able to make it our constant companion. It will surely greatly simplify the study of this difficult group of birds.

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In the West two bird books of great importance are in preparation. The more pretentious one is a two volume popular scientific book upon the Birds of Washington, by Rev. William Leon Dawson, now of Seattle. This book will follow the lines of the author's Ohio book, but will surpass even that excellent work in every way. Advance copies of photographs from life indicate that

this work will be profusely illustrated with photographs of the highest rank.

The other work is being prepared by Rev. P. B. Peabody, now of Newcastle, Wyoming, upon the nesting of our birds. This book promises to greatly advance our knowledge of the birds along these lines, where the author is well known to be especially strong.

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#### ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The following persons are proposed for active membership: Mr. L. N. Goodenough, Girdly, Pa.; Rev. P. B. Peabody, Newcastle, Wyo.

Emlen Wood, Devon, Chester County, Pa., is proposed for Associate membership.

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#### GENERAL NOTES.

##### EXTRACTS FROM MY NOTE BOOK—1905.

February 28—Made a survey on Private Cairns 120 and 570, Grosse Pointe Townships. Day Cloudy with a very strong northwest wind and temperature 32°. Little snow in center of fields, but four feet deep near fences. An immense flock of Snowflakes in sight all day; was steadily increased by new arrivals. These came across Lake St. Clair, flying directly into the wind, and not more than five feet above the ice. There was plenty of room for them to pass between the trees along the shore, but none were seen to do so. They rose above the tree tops and settled to about the former level on the other side, but did not pause until they joined the large flock two miles inland. American Pipits were also unusually numerous, but not in evidence until you walked among them. The first and largest flocks consisted of about fifty individuals. They disliked the strong wind and it was amusing to watch them creep along the sides of furrows and other sheltered places. A rather deep wagon rut was lined with them. A single bird and several bunches of 4 to 8 were flushed later.

March 26—Day cloudy with light sprinkling of rain at times. Temperature 46° at 9 p. m. Went out to large woods on P. C. 317, Dearborn Township. Saw a pair of Hermit Thrushes. One of the eight Towhees noted was a female.

April 2—Day windy and clear. Average temperature 40°. Tramped over a portion of Monguagon and Brownstown Townships. Large flock of Purple Finches in small open woods. None seen elsewhere.

April 16—While searching the bushlands to-day for woodcock